

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A flat type fluorescent lamp comprising:

- first and second substrates;
- a light-emitting layer disposed between the first and second substrates;
- a plurality of supporters selectively arranged on the first substrate; and
- a light-scattering layer placed over ~~adjacent~~ the plurality of supporters, wherein the light-scattering layer is spaced a distance from the first substrate, and wherein the light emitting layer is fluorescent.

Claim 2 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a reflecting portion adjacent a lower portion of the second substrate.

Claim 3 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters are formed of a transparent material.

Claim 4 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters are formed of a material having characteristic for scattering light.

Claim 5 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters are column-shaped having an upper and lower surface each with a given surface area.

Claim 6 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the surface area of the upper surface is different than the surface area of the lower surface.

Claim 7 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the surface area of the upper surface is substantially equal to the surface area of the lower surface.

Claim 8 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the supporters are cylindrical-shaped.

Claim 9 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 5, wherein the supporters are shaped like polygonal poles.

Claim 10 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters include a lower surface having a cylindrical shape.

Claim 11 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 10, wherein the supporters include an upper surface that is substantially curved.

Claim 12 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 11, wherein the upper surface has a spherical shape.

Claim 13 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters include a lower surface having a polygonal shape.

Claim 14 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 13, wherein the supporters include an upper surface that is substantially curved.

Claim 15 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 14, wherein the upper surface has a spherical shape.

Claim 16 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters include an upper surface that is substantially curved.

Claim 17 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 16, wherein the upper surface has a spherical shape.

Claim 18 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a cap disposed between the supporters and the light-scattering layer.

Claim 19 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 18, wherein the cap is formed by covering the supporters.

Claim 20 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 18, wherein the cap is attached to the upper portion of the supporters.

Claim 21 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 18, wherein the cap is formed from a soft material.

Claim 22 (Original): The flat type fluorescent lamp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the supporters are formed separately from the first substrate.

Claim 23 (Original): A flat type luminescent lamp comprising:

- a first substrate including a plurality of supporters to form a single body;
- a second substrate placed opposing the first substrate;
- a light-emitting layer disposed between the first and second substrates; and
- a light-scattering layer placed above the plurality of supporters, wherein the light-scattering layer is spaced a distance from the first substrate.